

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2010

SWAC Members

Steve Sprague, Chair
Paula Jenson, Vice Chair
Sara Ducey
Susan Filocco

Steve Findley
Stephen Greenhouse
Lee Levine

Marcia Marks
Kurt Osuch
Craig Simoneau

Absent: O. Hall, E. Violette

County Staff

Angela Jordan, DSWS
Eileen Kao, DSWS
Anthony Skinner, DSWS

Guests

Marcia Harrington, Resident

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:33 p.m. on April 6, 2010, in the Executive Office Building's Lobby Level Auditorium. The Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes – The March 16, 2010 minutes were not received due to an error made by the Staff Liaison. The minutes were tabled until the May 8, 2010 meeting.

Subcommittee/Ad Hoc Group Reports – Ms. Jenson stated that the Nominating Committee met to interview candidates to join SWAC. The interviews have concluded.

Article III of Chapter 48: SWAC's Role – The Chair gave an overview of the document. He read some parts aloud. The committee had a discussion and different interpretations of the policy were put forth. The conclusion was that SWAC's role is of an advisory capacity to the County Executive and the County Council via DSWS. The duties of the committee are to review and investigate issues that relate to solid waste in Montgomery County and offer recommendations.

Mr. Levine added that the committee should not have a false sense of importance, rather remember that SWAC is an advisory committee at the end of the day.

MAJOR PROGRAM TOPIC

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of various topics needing closure.

Ms. Filocco suggested having a brainstorming session to document all the topics that the committee wants to focus on in 2010. The list included:

- Reducing/Reusing
 - Packaging
 - Bag Tax
- Elimination of Grass Collection (reduction)
- Artificial Turf Disposal
- Food Waste Reduction & Management
- Radioactive Testing at the Transfer Station
- C&D Recycling
- Multi-Family Recycling (New and Existing Construction)
- Enforcement
- Dumping Cam
- Rewards/Disincentives
- Food/Water Ban for CE Cmtes
- Revenue
- Metrics

Define, Re-Establish, Sign Up for Subcommittees - The three standing subcommittees for SWAC are the Budget, Planning, and MCPS Recycling. The members chose among the committee(s) to serve:

- The Budget Committee reviews, assesses, and provides recommendations to DSWS about the annual recommended budget from CE. Messrs. Hall and Osuch staff this working group.
- The Planning Committee reviews the 10-year plan and works with DSWS to improve the County's solid waste management programs. Messrs. Findley, Simoneau, Violette and Mses. Ducey, Filocco, Jenson, and Marks staff this working group. The Planning Committee will review the list compiled from the brainstorming session in an upcoming meeting.
- The MCPS Recycling Committee works on solid waste management issues pertaining to Montgomery County Schools. Messrs. Greenhouse, Levine, and Sprague staff this working group.

Annual Report

Ms. Filocco asked if an annual report existed to document what occurs in the meetings each year. Ms. Jordan stated that the last annual report submitted was from 2005, and she recently found out that a report is to be done every year. She told the committee that she would complete an annual report for 2009. Mr. Osuch asked if SWAC could add input to the contents of the report. Ms. Jordan will check to see if there are guidelines to follow in its preparation.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Letter to the County Council – The Chair reminded the committee of the three points that were presented to the CE, based upon consensus, were the FY11 Budget, Support for Managing Refuse & Recycling from County Parks and Schools, and SWAC & DAFIG Remaining Independent Committees. Mr. Findley thought the budget was favorable given the circumstances. The Chair added that the budget came out about even.

A motion was made (Simoneau) and seconded (Levine) to empower the Chair to write a letter to the Council to include education and outreach and support for the budget.

Earth Day 2010 – Ms. Kao told the committee about the upcoming activities for this year's Earth Day celebration on April 17th and 18th. The events will be smaller due to budget constraints. The Chair asked if SWAC should play a role. Mr. Sprague asked what they could do to support the day. Ms. Kao said that the members were welcome to attend the event, and could help out by passing out flyers to spread the word. She added that all members are invited to check out some of the 68 events taking place in April to see what the DSWS Waste Reduction and Recycling Section does.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

ACRONYMS

C&D	Construction & Demolition
CE	County Executive
DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
FY	Fiscal Year
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
MC	Montgomery County
MCPS	Montgomery County Public Schools
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2010 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Ducey, Sara	X	X	X	X										Mar '09 dropped off
Findley, Steve	X	X	X	X										May '09 dropped off
Filocco, Susan	X	X	X	X									-1	Mar '09 dropped off
Greenhouse, Stephen			X	X										
Hall, Odell	X	X											-2	
Jenson, Paula	X	X	X	X										
Levine, Lee	X	X	X	X										May '09 dropped off
Marks, Marcia	X	X	X	X										
Osuch, Kurt	X	X	X	X									-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X	X										May '09 dropped off
Sprague, Steve	X	X	X	X									-1	
Violette, Ed	X	X	X										-1	

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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2009 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Alexander, Leslie		X			X								-2	RESIGNED
Ducey, Sara					X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Findley, Steve	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Filocco, Susan					X				X	X	X		-2	
Frank, David	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			TERM EXPIRED
Glazer, Mark	X	X	X		X	X			X		X		-1	
Hall, Odell		X				X					X			WAIVER GRANTED 11/09
Harrington, Marcia	X	X	X		X	X				X	X		-1	TERM EXPIRED
Jenson, Paula		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Lee, Ed	X	X	X			X				X			-2	RESIGNED
Levine, Lee	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Marks, Marcia	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
Osuch, Kurt			X		X				X	X	X		-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Sprague, Steve	X	X	X		X	X			X	X			-1	
Violette, Ed	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			